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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON THE VEB "GLUECKAUF" POTASH WORKS (3 pp) [REDACTED]

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This document consists of a typewritten report on the operations, production, installations, and personnel of the VEB (People-Owned Enterprise) "Glueckauf" Potash Works, in Sondershausen. Information given includes the following:

One-third of the GDR's potash output is mined by people-owned plants, and the remaining two-thirds by SAG's (Soviet Corporations). Two shafts, I and V, are in operation at the VEB "Glueckauf" Potash Works; the other shafts, II, III, IV, and VI, are used as air shafts only. The daily yields of Shafts V and I (operating in two shifts) are 1,700,000 kilograms and 2,600,000 kilograms of crude potassium salt (with an average potassium-oxide content of 13 percent), respectively. The crude potassium salt is mixed with 50-percent potassium salt in the chemical factory which belongs to the plant. Fertilizers, at the present time, chiefly potassium-ammonium-nitrate, are produced in a second factory belonging to the plant. This factory is not fulfilling its quota at present, because deliveries of ammonia from the Leuna Plant, and of soda from the Solway Plant are inadequate. The "Glueckauf" Plant has its own power station, equipped with two high-pressure boilers, at 80 atm each, and 2 turbines, one for 12,000 and the other for 10,000 kilowatts. The annual output of the power station is 40 million kilowatts, 25 percent of which is delivered to the long-distance power net. Although the "Glueckauf" Plant ships very limited amounts of crude potassium salt, it does export large amounts of prepared salts and potassium-ammonium-nitrate to Poland, the USSR, and other countries. The plant employs a total of 2,500 men, and has a security-guard unit consisting of 32 men. Physical descriptions, political affiliations, and other information are given for six key men at the plant. Because of the plant workers' union agreement, the workers are hostile to the plant management, and their morale is low. A mine accident which occurred on 11 or 12 July 1951 was caused by a fire-damp explosion, the first such explosion in a salt mine in the GDR. After this disaster, steps were taken to prevent such explosions in all GDR mines. A description is given of the SED (Security Police) representative at the "Glueckauf" Plant.

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